

Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended to include an additional material selected from the group consisting of anionic clay, smectite clay and thermally or chemically modified forms thereof in the catalyst composition. Support for this amendment may be found in the second from last paragraph on page 7 of the instant text. The materials named in the claim amendment comprise one or more buffers that are added to the catalyst precursor slurry.

Examination of the instant claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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